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SYSTEM FOR DIRECTING ACCESS TO
CONTENT ON A COMPUTER NETWORK

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DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT
(37 C.F.R. § 1.131)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

1. I, the undersigned, am the inventor of the invention disclosed in this application.
2. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application by actual reduction to practice in the United States, at a date prior to September 8, 1998, that is the effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,268,856 (Bruck et al.) that was cited by the Examiner.
3. This declaration is submitted prior to final rejection in this application.
4. To establish the date of reduction to practice of the invention, the enumerated exhibits described below are submitted as evidence. From these exhibits, it can be seen that the invention in this application was reduced to practice at least by the date of February 17, 1998, which is a date earlier than the effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,268,856.

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5. Exhibit A attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a document titled "The Mousetrap For HTML Designers" that is dated February 17, 1998 and is believed to be identical to the document by the same title previously submitted in this application. "The Mousetrap For HTML Designers" was drafted under my direct supervision based on my invention, and was completed on or before February 17, 1998, after the methods therein were tested and implemented in HTML web pages in the United States.
6. Exhibit B attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a document titled "The Mousetrap Programmer's Guide" that is dated February 17, 1998 and is believed to be identical to the document by the same title previously submitted in this application. "The Mousetrap Programmer's Guide" was drafted under my direct supervision based on my invention, and was completed on or before February 17, 1998, after the methods therein were tested and implemented in HTML web pages in the United States.
7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE OF THE SOLE INVENTOR



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